

SENATE BILL 138

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10 and Title 2, Chapter 19, relative to political communications.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 19, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A person or organization distributing or causing to be distributed a sample ballot, where certain candidates are endorsed on that ballot, to members of the public shall not use the name of any statewide political party on such ballot without written permission from the state executive committee of the statewide political party.

(b) Any candidate who pays money or another form of consideration to be endorsed on a sample ballot described in subsection (a) shall report the payment as an expenditure on any statement required to be filed under § 2-10-105 by the candidate.

(c) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class B misdemeanor for the person or organization distributing or causing to be distributed the sample ballot.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.